

Since the public airways do belong to the public, the decision of Sinclair Broadcasting to use this privilege by denigrating a presidential candidate violates two principles: 1. It is using a free public entity to propagandize against one presidential candidate; a clear violation of its responsibility to be non partisan. In addition the accuracy of its airing may not be verifiable 2. It violates the principle of equal time to the victim of an attack. Sinclair should be penalized by the appropriate authority for such violations.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what is good for the entire public

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.